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GDR DECREE OF 1 MARCH 1952 ON DIPHTHERIA INOCULATIONS IN LAND THUERINGEN

Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of the Decree of 1 July 1949 on Protective Inocula-  
 tions (Zentralverordnungsblatt, p 446), in connection with the First Implementa-  
 tion Directive of 4 July 1949 (Zentralverordnungsblatt, p 539) and the Second  
 Implementation Directive of 20 February 1951 (Gesetzblatt, p 133), the following  
 regulations will be effective for Land Thueringen:

Article 1

Diphtheria inoculations shall be administered between 1 Apr. and 31 October  
 1952.

Article 2

The following persons, unless they have been inoculated against diphtheria  
 within the last 2 years or unless proof can be furnished that they have had diph-  
 theria within said period, shall be subject to compulsory inoculations:

- a. All children below the age of one year.
- b. All children 4 years of age.
- c. All children 12 years of age.

Article 3

All children and adolescents who are sent to summer camps, not including  
 local day camps, shall also be subject to compulsory inoculation. The exceptions  
 stated in Article 2 above shall apply in this connection. Heads of institutions  
 and vacation camps will not admit children or adolescents for whom certificates  
 of inoculation or certificates of exemption from inoculation have not been issued.

Article 4

a. Initial inoculations of infants shall consist of two subcutaneous injec-  
 tions of 0.5 cubic centimeter of diphtheria toxin Asid [sic] vaccine each, with a  
 time interval of at least 3 weeks between injections.

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b. Booster inoculations for children starting school shall consist of one subcutaneous injection of 0.3 cubic centimeter.

c. Booster inoculations for children leaving school shall consist of one injection of 0.2 cubic centimeter.

Article 5

The following persons shall be exempt from inoculation:

a. Children and adolescents suffering from acute infectious diseases, for the duration of the illness and the period of convalescence.

b. Children and young people suffering from a cold on the day of inoculation, to prevent inoculation during the incubation period.

c. Persons suffering from active tuberculosis.

d. Persons suffering from serious heart and circulatory disturbances.

e. Persons suffering from extensive allergic or infectious skin ailments (with the exception of scabies).

f. Persons suffering from serious streptococcal infections, until 2 months after recovery.

Article 6

In accordance with Paragraph 6 of the German Economic Commission's Decree on Protective Inoculations of 1 June 1949, violations of this inoculation directive will be punished by a fine of up to 1,000 Deutsche marks, or by a jail sentence of up to 3 months, unless the violation was due to negligence, in which case the punishment will be a fine of up to 150 Deutsche marks, or imprisonment.

The Minister-President  
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